

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 NEW DE 03771 091223Z  
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EA-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00  
NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 PM-05 H-02 INR-10  
L-03 PA-02 SP-02 SS-15 IO-14 AID-05 TRSE-00 CU-06  
EUR-12 /099 W

-----031750 091237Z /16

O 091150Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 073  
INFO USLO PEKING IMMEDIATE  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY COLOMBO  
AMEMBASSY DACCA  
AMEMBASSY KABUL  
AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU  
AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

UNCLAS NEW DELHI 3771

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP, IN, CH  
SUBJECT: VAJPAYEE INVITED TO VISIT PRC

REF: NEW DELHI 2248

1. FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE HAS ACCEPTED "IN PRINCIPLE"  
AN INVITATION FROM PRC FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA TO VISIT  
PEKING. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS MARCH 9 BASED ON AN  
MEA BRIEFING, THE INVITATION WAS CONVEYED ORALLY BY WANG  
PING-NAN, LEADER OF THE GOODWILL DELEGATION NOW ON A  
TWO-WEEK TOUR OF INDIA, DURING A 90-MINUTE COURTESY CALL  
ON VAJPAYEE MARCH 8. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT VAJPAYEE  
HAD BEEN INVITED TO COME "AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO BE  
ARRANGED THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS" AND THAT  
"THE VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE...AFTER DUE AND CAREFUL  
PREPARATIONS." THE PRESS ACCOUNTS ALSO SAID THAT  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 NEW DE 03771 091223Z

ALTHOUGH INDIAN OFFICIALS VIEWED THE INVITATION AS A  
"WELCOME DEVELOPMENT", ADEQUATE GROUNDWORK WOULD HAVE  
TO BE DONE SO THAT THE VISIT WOULD HAVE "POSITIVE RESULTS"  
AND NOT BE JUST A GOODWILL TRIP. IN THIS CONTEXT, IT WAS  
NOTED THAT VAJPAYEE HAD TOLD WANG THAT HE WAS AN  
"ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE" OF THE PEOPLE AND PUBLIC OPINION  
HAD TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. WHEN WANG REPORTEDLY REMARKED

TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE VISIT WOULD BE A BEGINNING,  
VAJPAYEE RESPONDED THAT A BEGINNING HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE.

2. REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS DURING THE MEETING, THE  
MEA SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE WAS "GENERAL SATISFACTION" AND  
THAT WANG AND VAJPAYEE HAD REVIEWED THE SINO-INDIAN EXCHANGES  
OVER THE YEAR AND ONE HALF AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT FURTHER  
EXCHANGES WOULD TAKE PLACE IN DIVERSE FIELDS. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED  
THAT THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF CO-EXISTENCE REMAINED VALID  
AS A BASIS OF THE DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL QUESTIONS AND  
FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN RELATIONS. ASKED IF THE BORDER DISPUTE  
HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, MEA "SOURCES" REPORTEDLY SAID THAT SUCH  
A SUBJECT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH A NON-OFFICIAL  
DELEGATION. WANG IS SAID TO HAVE REMARKED THAT HIS  
DELEGATION HAD TAKEN CHAIRMAN MAO'S 1970 CHARACTERIZATION  
OF INDIA AS A GREAT COUNTRY WITH WHOM THERE SHOULD BE FRIEND-  
SHIP AS A "DIRECTIVE" AND THAT IT HAD COME TO INDIA "FOR THE  
PURPOSES OF INCREASING AND DEEPENING FRIENDSHIP."  
VAJPAYEE REPORTEDLY RESPONDED WITH AN APPROPRIATE  
QUOTATION FROM MAHATMA GANDHI AND TO HAVE EXPLAINED  
INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY OF GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS  
AND NOT ALLOWING THIRD COUNTRIES TO IMPINGE ON ITS  
BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. THERE IS PRESS SPECULATION THAT WANG WILL CALL ON  
PRIME MINISTER DESAI AND ALSO EXTEND TO HIM AN INVITATION  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 NEW DE 03771 091223Z

TO VISIT PEKING. THE MEA SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, SAID THAT  
NO APPOINTMENT HAD BEEN ARRANGED. THE "INDIAN EXPRESS"  
ADDED THAT WANG WAS EXPECTED TO SPEND A WEEK IN NEW DELHI  
WHILE THE REST OF THE DELEGATION VISITS ELSEWHERE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SPOKESMAN'S CAREFUL  
REMARKS WERE PERSONALLY CLEARED BY FOREIGN SECRETARY  
MEHTA.  
GOHEEN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MINISTERIAL VISITS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 09 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978NEWDE03771  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780106-0276  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** NEW DELHI  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780388/aaaacwdl.tel  
**Line Count:** 103  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 01724cca-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 NEW DELHI 2248  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 mar 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3387552  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** VAJPAYEE INVITED TO VISIT PRC  
**TAGS:** PDIP, IN, CH, (VAJPAYEE, ATAL BIHARI)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/01724cca-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014